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REPORT

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The training area for the WOP units of the station extended from about 1.5 kilometers southwest of the city as far as the perimeter of Oberlichtenau (O 52/B 20).<sup>1</sup>

2. In the fall of 1954, a troop training  was used by Polish troops after the harvest, was observed  between the northern perimeter of Nikolausdorf (O 52/B 10) and the railroad station of Schoenbrunn (O 52/B 10). No stationary installations were observed at this site. The troops bivouacked in tents. They wore khaki uniforms, some wore red service color. It was believed that they were not border guard troops. Component units of the practicing troops arrived on foot from the direction of Goerlitz (O 52/B 00). A motorized unit which was equipped with about 12 guns was also observed. Four guns were emplaced about 200 meters south of the Schoenbrunn railroad station. No record firing practices were observed and the guns could not be specifically identified. They were equipped with pneumatic tires, were low, and had fairly long barrels of medium caliber and shields. The practices involved an estimated total of over 2,000 men. During the time of these practices, it was announced in the surrounding towns that the training ground was off limits. No special restricting measures were observed.<sup>2</sup>

3. Prior to March 1955, a military radio station was observed near the town of Niederhalbendorf (O 52/B 10) and 2 kilometers northwest of the railroad station of Schoenberg (O 52/B 12). According to local residents, 3 officers and about 20 soldiers belonged to this radio station. The officers were located in private billets in Niederhalbendorf. The detachment

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